



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

June 2024 Grand Jury

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

RODNEY CAMERON OPELY,

Defendant.

CR 2:25-cr-00418-MWF

I N D I C T M E N T

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1),
(b)(1)(C): Distribution of
Fentanyl Resulting in Death; 21
U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C):
Possession with Intent to
Distribute Fentanyl; 21 U.S.C.
§§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(viii):
Possession with Intent to
Distribute Methamphetamine; 21
U.S.C. § 853: Forfeiture]

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C)]

On or about October 30, 2024, in San Luis Obispo County, within
the Central District of California, defendant RODNEY CAMERON OPELY
knowingly and intentionally distributed a mixture and substance
containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-
piperidinyl] propanamide ("fentanyl"), a Schedule II narcotic drug
controlled substance, the use of which resulted in the death and
serious bodily injury of I.W.

COUNT TWO

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C)]

On or about December 4, 2024, in San Luis Obispo County, within the Central District of California, defendant RODNEY CAMERON OPELY knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute approximately 26.7 grams of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide ("fentanyl"), a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance.

COUNT THREE

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(viii)]

On or about December 4, 2024, in San Luis Obispo County, within the Central District of California, defendant RODNEY CAMERON OPELY knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute at least 5 grams, that is, approximately 18.95 grams, of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

[21 U.S.C. § 853]

1. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(a) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, notice is hereby given that the United States of America will seek forfeiture as part of any sentence, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, in the event of the defendant's convictions of Counts One, Two, or Three, set forth in this indictment.

2. The defendant, if so convicted, shall forfeit to the United States of America the following:

(a) All right, title and interest in any and all property, real or personal, constituting or derived from, any proceeds which the defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, from such offense;

(b) All right, title and interest in any and all property, real or personal, used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of such offense; and

(c) To the extent such property is not available for forfeiture, a sum of money equal to the total value of the property described in subparagraphs (a) and (b).

3. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), the defendant, if so convicted, shall forfeit substitute property if, by any act or omission of the defendant, the property described in the preceding paragraph, or any portion thereof: (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been transferred, sold to, or deposited with a third party; (c) has been placed beyond the

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jurisdiction of the court; (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or (e) has been commingled with other property that cannot be divided without difficulty.

A TRUE BILL

/s/
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